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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam:

The proposed settlement of the Microsoft case does not contribute to the expansion of options or alternatives to the Microsoft operating system or range of productivity software. The settlement amounts to a slap on the wrist; there needs to be a more suitable settlement that encourages and protects the development of non-Microsoft software solutions. Witness the proliferation of viruses and worms that affect only MS systems. As a user of both Intel and Macintosh systems, I can assure you that the Mac side of the computing world is far less affected by the proliferation of such security problems. The promotion of Microsoft's operating system and other software through minimal penalties only encourages such corporate behavior further and serves to discourage other superior software (witness Be OS) development. Please reconsider the implementation of the proposed settlement terms.

Respectfully,
Fritz Geier